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Highlights

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LEADING THE NEWS

EPA Affirms No Public Health Risk Posed by Glyphosate

By Adam Allington

The Environmental Protection Agency found that glyphosate poses no risk to public health and is not a carcinogen, as long as it's used in accordance with updated instructions, an interim registration review said.

Trump's Environment Team Learns to Embrace the 'Deep State'

By David Schultz

The Trump administration hasn't changed its environmental goals, but it has changed how it is going about achieving them, with more attention paid to crafting legally defensible policies and less time seeking out enemies in the so-called deep state.

EPA Rewrite of Power Plant Carbon Limits Nears Finish Line

By Abby Smith

The EPA is one step closer to officially replacing Obama-era carbon pollution limits for existing power plants.

State Mandates Could Spur Solar, Wind Demand on Federal Land

By Bobby Magill

The solar industry and environmental groups expect state renewable energy mandates to help overcome challenging market conditions and bring about a solar and wind resurgence on public lands in the West.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BP Beats Claims by Hundreds of Deepwater Horizon Cleanup Workers

By Peter Hayes

BP PLC shook off claims by more than 800 cleanup workers alleging they were injured from toxic exposures during the Deepwater Horizon cleanup.

Industry Watchdog Alleges Northern Dynasty Misled Investors

By Natalie Obiko Pearson and Danielle Bochove

An industry watchdog has filed a complaint to U.S. and Canadian securities regulators alleging that Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. misled investors about its controversial Pebble mining project in Alaska.

Renewables on Federal Land Hit Regulatory Snarl, Advocates Warn

By Bobby Magill

Renewable energy advocates and developers speaking to a House Natural Resources subcommittee April 30 criticized federal regulations, including the National Environmental Policy Act, for standing in the way of solar, wind, and geothermal developers on public lands.

Tesla's Rooftop Solar-Panel Systems Won't Be Bespoke Anymore

By Brian Eckhouse

Tesla Inc. plans to cut the cost of rooftop solar panels by selling standardized cookie-cutter systems, rather than customizing them for individual homes.

CAPITOL HILL

Senators Unveil Bipartisan Interim Nuclear Storage Bill

By Dean Scott

Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) are to re-introduce a bill April 30 to provide a pathway for interim storage of spent fuel from nuclear power reactors, given continued gridlock over permanent storage at Nevada's Yucca Mountain.

Energy Department General Counsel Nominee Confirmed by Senate

By Dean Scott

The Senate April 30 confirmed an attorney and former House aide to serve as the Energy Department's general counsel.

Anadarko Board Faces Scrutiny Amid \$38 Billion Bidding War

By Rachel Adams-Heard and Kevin Crowley

Anadarko Petroleum Corp.'s market value has soared 56 percent since a bidding war for the American shale driller kicked off two weeks ago. Yet the company's directors have managed to step on the toes of almost every player involved.

Senate Democrats Join Fight to Speed Mine Land Cleanup Funds

By Stephen Lee

Six coal-state Senate Democrats reintroduced a bill April 30 that would speed the delivery of \$1 billion to states grappling with abandoned mine lands.

Interior Official Defends Reorganization Plan to Congress

By Stephen Lee

House Democrats during an April 30 oversight hearing labeled the Interior Department's massive reorganization a politically motivated ploy to fundamentally weaken the agency.

An Oil Superstore at Sea Is Hoarding Fuels for a Gathering Storm

By Serene Cheong and Alfred Cang

The world's biggest offshore oil supermarket is stocking up for anti-pollution rules that Goldman Sachs Group Inc. predicts will upend energy markets.

CLIMATE

Warming Threatens Glaciers at UNESCO Heritage Sites

By Bobby Magill

The glaciers that define Montana's Glacier National Park and sweep down from the peaks of Olympic National Park in Washington and the high peaks of the Canadian Rockies are set to diminish and perhaps vanish by the end of the century because of human-caused climate change.

Shipping Lines Seek Mandatory Speed Cuts to Carbon Emissions

By Jack Wittels and Brian Wingfield

More than 100 shipping companies called on the United Nations' shipping agency to set maximum speeds for the industry to help it combat carbon emissions.

Amendments to H.R. 9, Paris Climate Accord Bill: BGOV Closer Look

By Adam M. Taylor

Preventing the president from blocking state actions to combat climate change is among the amendments proposed to H.R. 9, which the House could consider as soon as Wednesday.

AIR, WATER, AND WASTE

Trump, Democrats Grasp for Funding Answers on Infrastructure

By Laura Litvan and Mark Niquette

President Donald Trump and Democratic leaders enter infrastructure talks April 30 already at odds over how to pay for the massive investments that American voters say their communities desperately need.

EPA Steps Closer to Undoing 2015 Air Rule for Texas

By Paul Stinson

The EPA is one step closer to granting Texas a sought-after exemption to a 2015 rule limiting emissions during startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions at industrial boilers and facilities.

Ram Truck Sales Roll on as Key Supplier Cummins Probes Emissions

By Gabrielle Coppola

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV will continue to sell big versions of its Ram pickups after Cummins Inc. started a review of how it certifies the emissions of engines it supplies to the carmaker.

CHEMICALS

New York Set to Vote on Bills Banning Toxic Toys, Chlorpyrifos

By Keshia Clukey

New York State lawmakers are set to vote on environmental bills that would regulate toxic chemicals in children's products, ban the pesticide chlorpyrifos, and align water efficiency standards with federal guidelines.

Honeywell Beats Mechanic's Market Share-Based Asbestos Claims

By Peter Hayes

Honeywell International Inc. brushed back a mechanic's asbestos exposure claims based on its share of the market for brakes and clutches.

INSIGHT

INSIGHT: Choosing When, Why, and How to Hire an Outside Attorney

When in-house counsel need to outsource legal work, they usually call a relationship firm, but Greg Hoover, in-house counsel to a small division of a Fortune 100 company, says contract attorneys are a good option as well. Hoover discusses how to include contract attorneys on your outside legal team.

FROM THE STATES

N.Y. Bans Offshore Drilling in Effort to Prevent Trump Expansion

By Keshia Clukey

New York State has banned offshore oil and natural gas drilling along its Atlantic coastal waters in an effort to block a Trump administration proposal.

In Silicon Valley, the Quest to Make Gasoline Out of Thin Air

By Joshua Brustein

Rob McGinnis recently moved to Santa Cruz, Calif., and now drives around town in a VW Golf with a rack for a surfboard on top. Like many automobiles, the car is both a form of transportation and a way for its owner to communicate some vital part of his identity.

Chaco Canyon Oil and Gas Leases Blocked on New Mexico State Land

By Brenna Goth

New Mexico is halting new oil and gas leases on nearly 73,000 acres of state land near Chaco Canyon, a hub of archaeological sites in the northwestern part of the state.

Pennsylvania Joins State Alliance Focused on Paris Climate Goals

By John Herzfeld

Pennsylvania became the newest member of a multistate coalition aligned behind the goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change to reduce global emissions of greenhouse gases.

A Vermont Utility Wants Batteries for All, and Tesla Will Help

By Brian Eckhouse

A climate-conscious Vermont utility is partnering with Tesla Inc. as it aspires to install battery systems in every home it serves.

ITC Faces Criminal Water Pollution Charges Following Fire

By Paul Stinson

Water pollution stemming from a five-day refinery tank fire that raged along the Houston Ship Channel warrants environmental criminal charges against Intercontinental Terminals Co., the Harris County District Attorney's office said.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Chateaux Wineries Escape Criminal Pesticide 'Poisoning' Charges

By Rick Mitchell

A French court April 30 dropped charges against two chateaux wineries that were accused of poisoning 23 schoolchildren and their teacher by spraying pesticides in the Bordeaux wine region.

China to Reduce Steel Industry Emissions in Pollution Hot Spots

By Michael Standaert

New requirements by China's environmental ministry will increase costs and lead to possible relocations or closures of some steel production facilities in air pollution control areas across the country, if they can't complete technological upgrades by 2025.

Activists Slam South Africa Decision to Pump Water to Coal Mines

By Paul Burkhardt

South African environmental groups have challenged the government's decision to grant permission for a water project which aims to supply developments for its future coal reserves.

Peru Awards Fypasa \$180M Contract to Clean Up Lake Titicaca

By Lucien O. Chauvin

Mexico's Fypasa Construcciones SA de CV beat out three competitors to win a contract from the Peruvian government to build a system of wastewater plants to clean up Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake, on the border of Peru and Bolivia.

India to Boost Renewable Supply With Power From Bhutanese Dam

By Lou Del Bello

India will add 3 gigawatt hours of hydro power to its energy mix every year, starting at the end of May, after the Indian government brokered an advantageous tariff protocol that will unlock the flow of electricity from Bhutan's Mangdechhu hydroelectric project.

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